

A LIVELY GACKLE

Mr. Gorham's Views on Poultry Sharply Resented.

POULTRY EXPERTS SPEAK OUT

Secretary of the State Poultry Association States Conditions Under Which the Chicken Business is Profitable.

PORTLAND, Jan. 4.—(To the Editor.)—I wish to make a few statements in answer to the article appearing in the Saturday morning issue of your paper, setting forth why poultry-raising upon a wholesale basis does not pay.

Mr. Gorham gives out some very misleading statements, calculated to injure the poultry business of this locality, especially of the plant with which he was connected. While a great many people not familiar with the facts of the case might be impressed with what Mr. Gorham says, anybody with a reasonable amount of good horse sense and some experience in poultry-raising knows these statements are misleading.

Mr. Gorham's statement is calculated to do the poultry industry an injury, just at the close of the most successful poultry show ever held in the Northwest.

It is true I do not claim that my position will be met starting in the poultry business, for it is a business that takes time and capital to put on a paying basis.

Mr. Gorham expected to do the first season, there are many who are doing it in the East in successful operation, but they were never put into such condition in one or two years' time, and they have invested in them from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Chicken Industry Makes Happy Homes.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 4.—(To the Editor.)—Your article of Saturday entitled "Profit in Poultry," is rather amusing when it is taken into consideration that the gentleman whose opinions are quoted had only 12 months' experience in the poultry business.

In reading the article one realizes that while Mr. Gorham is a fine railroad man, and represents a magnificent road, yet when he embarked in the poultry business he evidently entered upon a line which he absolutely knew nothing about.

I can name several breeders around Portland who are making money in the breeding poultry than it is possible for them to earn in any other avocation of life in which they may obtain positions.

However, I do not claim that my position is as munificent as the salary Mr. Gorham enjoys from his railroading. Judging from the manner in which he engaged in the business he was one of those who looked upon the boom side of the industry and expected to see the golden shekels rolling in.

It takes something besides a lead pencil and blank paper to make the poultry industry profitable. It requires intelligence, study, and it takes intelligent care. With these an excellent competence may be obtained. It is a living that will make many happy homes at the same time give occupation to thousands of people.

C. D. MINTON, Salem.

From the Secretary of the State Poultry Association.

PORTLAND, Jan. 4.—(To the Editor.)—"Wholesale Chicken Breeding doesn't pay," was interesting reading, but so very apt to be misleading, that you will oblige the writer if you will publish a few facts regarding the matter. I have never met Mr. Gorham, but am personally well acquainted with his associate, who furnished the experience. In fact Mr. Moore talked with me before he left his occupation (driving a laundry wagon), asking if it could be made to pay, etc. I frankly told him not as a business at first, but as an accessory, it could be made a success.

I warned him of rocks the "ship" might wreck on. It looked fine on paper, and interesting men with capital, they did establish the best plant I have seen west of the Missouri River, and in the hands of a practical man it can undoubtedly be made to pay dividends. Men of great minds differ, and I certainly differ from Mr. Gorham, while sympathizing with him for blindly jumping for a gold brick.

"Bad carpenter's complaint of their tools." So in this case incubators were blamed. All the others were successfully using the same make. Not being able to produce eggs enough on their own place, many were bought from outside sources, more blame for unfertile eggs, etc., etc. Facts still show in spite of Mr. G.'s assertion that thousands of broilers are being produced by experienced men and women out of season, and that they command high prices.

Mr. G. states that eggs in quantities in winter was one object. By actual count not more than 50 females were in laying condition during any winter he was associated in the enterprise. Many of us little fowl have more than that, and set out a first-class plant either. We sell enough during the months of December, January and February to pay the feed bill for the whole flock for one year, leaving the balance on the right side of the ledger.

It is unfortunate that this discussion arises at this time. No one regrets it more than I. I think at this time of our annual exhibition of thoroughbred poultry (no longer an experiment) all interested will agree that poultry raising is a business. Thousands of dollars' worth of business has been transacted, and it is the realization of those who go to it as a common-sense business man who realize that not only does it pay, but far better than any other industry wherein the same amount of capital invested and a fair amount of brains employed. Some may unqualifiedly assert, yours for better poultry and more of it. E. J. LADD, Sec. Oregon State Poultry Association.

It is, we think, scarcely necessary to defend Mr. Gorham against the suggestion more or less implied in two of the letters printed above, of wishing to injure the poultry business. The utterance which has brought out so much discussion—was almost written "raised such a cackle"—was quite accidental on Mr. Gorham's part. He did not seek opportunity to exploit his views, but was asked to speak by an Oregonian writer who in some chance way had learned of his connection with the poultry industry, and who fancied that a report of his experience would contribute to the general intelligence upon this very interesting and important sub-

BROKEN IN MIND AND BODY

ELIJAH SMITH, EX-PRESIDENT OF THE O. R. & N. CO.

Now in an Eastern Sanitarium, a Pensioner of His Brother—His Tussle With Villard.

Elijah Smith has been out of Wall street for two months. There was a time when he could not have been missing for two days without a good deal of a sensation, relates the New York Sun. Those were the days when he sat in the president's chair of the Oregon & Transcontinental Railroad, and was hailed as the conqueror and humiliate of Henry Villard.

So far as any of Mr. Smith's friends know now, the only shred of his former power left to him is that given to him by his brother and some other sympathetic friends a year or so ago, when he was made receiver of the Eel River Railroad, an Indiana leased line of the Pennsylvania system, 132 miles long. Elijah Smith is now in Boston under the

POPULAR TREE ROOTS THAT CHOKED SEWERS.



The employees of the street department of Portland are frequently notified that sewers are stopped or drains choked in various parts of the city, causing sewage to flow the wrong way. In many cases it is found that the trouble is caused by roots from a poplar tree having gained entrance to the sewer through some crevice or defect. Once having secured an entrance, the root branches and increases in length until the sewer or drain is choked, and then trouble arises, and the City Engineer is called upon to put the sewer to rights, which is often an expensive operation. The sections of such roots shown in the accompanying illustration were taken from a sewer in Rodney avenue. It was necessary to dig up and replace 30 feet of this sewer, which these roots had choked and finally split open. The poplar trees from which the roots extended are not large—about a foot in diameter at the base—and stand about 50 feet from the damaged sewer. The sections represented are only specimens brought to the City Engineer's office by Deputy William Bredien. The city has been at considerable expense on account of sewers damaged by poplar roots, and there is now a law requiring poplar trees, which have caused such damage, to be girdled. This is on the principle of locking the stable door after the horse is stolen, and the city will be put to expense in this way from time to time until the rule of girdling poplar trees before they have choked the sewers is adopted. The same state of affairs prevails in many cities, as is seen from articles and illustrations in those municipal reports received by City Engineer Chase.

HORSES CHEW UP HIS SOD.

Citizen Complains of Carelessness of Delivery-Wagon Drivers.

A citizen who a short time ago purchased a lot and built himself a rather fine house out in one of the newly built-up districts on the East Side, where the premises of each property-owner are fenced, and the city will be put to expense in this way from time to time until the rule of girdling poplar trees before they have choked the sewers is adopted. The same state of affairs prevails in many cities, as is seen from articles and illustrations in those municipal reports received by City Engineer Chase.

CATARRH OF THE BOWELS.

Cures bloating after meals and large quantities of gas which cannot be expelled, cause diarrhoea, alternating with constipation. S. B. Catarrh Cure has a tonic and curative effect on the bowels and restores them to a natural and healthy action and condition. For sale by all druggists. Book on Catarrh free. Address Smith Bros., Fresno, Cal.

regime in the Northwest. Its principal assets were large blocks of the stock of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company and of the Northern Pacific Railroad. There was a famous smash of \$20,000,000 blind pool of Mr. Villard came in 1883, the value of Oregon & Transcontinental Company fell away to nearly nothing. Elijah Smith stepped in when Mr. Villard went abroad. Most of the O. & T. stockholders lived in Boston, and they had a great opinion of Elijah Smith as a revivifier.

These companies at that time about \$5,000,000 in the hole, and there was no apparent help in sight. Elijah Smith schemed and adjusted, and went to law with Villard, and the famous smash of \$20,000,000 in the hole, and there was no apparent help in sight. Elijah Smith schemed and adjusted, and went to law with Villard, and the famous smash of \$20,000,000 in the hole, and there was no apparent help in sight.

Another innovation at fire headquarters is a call board, arranged with movable pegs showing the numbers of engines, etc., responding to a particular alarm of fire. The wooden pegs are kept in stock on the lowest row of the board and they are placed in proper positions by the foremen of the fire company. In this manner it can be seen at a glance the number of the apparatus in use at any fire. Spaces are also left to register whether the chief and the three assistant chiefs are on duty at the fire stations or not.

Wahash system. In one way and another he had to do with almost all of the small roads now included in the Wahash lines. It was probably out of regard for these former services that in the days of his decline a place was found for him as receiver of the Eel River Railroad, and the court decided that the Wahash must give up its lease of the little road and it was turned over to the Pennsylvania.

Elijah Smith, in the process of building and financing the railroad, big and little, now figured as a contractor, and again as a financial agent, and yet again as an executive officer. When the panic of 1893 came along it found Smith still a very young man, surveying Wall street from the top of a very considerable pile; he had enough, just before the panic, to have lived upon in comfort all these 30 years which have passed since. When the panic was over Elijah Smith began at the bottom, along with lots of other men, and began to work his way up again. He was down, but not out.

He became interested in the resources and the railroads of the Pacific Slope. He was one of those who organized the Oregon Improvement Company, now the Pacific Coast Company, which operates many small lines along the north slope. He was a stockholder in lumber company operating in Southern Oregon near Coos Bay. He also embarked in Texas railroad enterprises.

Boards of Railway Stock. Mr. Smith was most conspicuous 30 years ago as the opponent of Henry Villard. The Oregon & Transcontinental Company had been organized to control railroad companies under the Villard

ROW IN SMITH FAMILY

HUSBAND AND WIFE TELL TROUBLES TO A POLICEMAN.

Mrs. S. Seeks Refuge With Her Daughter in a Saloon and Is Taken to the Station.

The Sunday stillness of the City Jail was broken yesterday by the enactment of a domestic drama from real life, in which were rehearsed the marital woes of a couple who called themselves Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, of Oregon City. They had separated several times, but always came together again, but yesterday, Mrs. Smith says, was a clincher and she vowed that she would never live with her husband again.

Smith is a longshoreman employed along the river front, and yesterday afternoon he rushed into the police station and said in excited tones to Police Captain Moore: "Say, mister, my wife has taken my little girl, aged six years, to a notorious saloon, and I want you to make her stop taking the child to such a place. It will lead to her ruin." He then named a well-known saloon in Whitechapel. A police officer was sent to the resort to make an investigation, and he returned with Mrs. Smith and her little girl. Mrs. Smith was very indignant, and she said: "This is an outrage. Can't I visit any place I wish without asking liberty from anyone?" Then she caught sight of her husband, and her lip curled contemptuously, and she went on: "Now I know where to send you to this. It's that good for nothing, drunk-

"Madam, this is no place for string your private affairs. Why did you take your child to that saloon?" asked Captain Moore.

"I saw that my husband was following me, and I ran to the place with my child, to escape from him. I know where to go to get smart lawyers, who will fix things for me."

Smith then took a hand in the discussion, and before he had one dozen words he began to give her opinion of him as a husband and as a man—and her opinion was not flattering. She accused him of gambling and having failed to support her and her family.

"I work hard, and I have given you \$10 and sometimes \$12 every Saturday," broke in Smith.

"You have not," replied his wife, hotly. Bristling remarks followed. Ultimately Mrs. Smith and her child were allowed to go, on Mrs. Smith promising to cease making visits to saloons, accompanied by her little daughter, and he looked reckless. A man who had heard the angry discussion, said to Smith: "I suppose a divorce will follow."

"My dear sir," replied the husband, "this will blow over. This is marriage."

A. O. U. W. LIBRARY. Annual Report Shows Increase in Volumes and Patrons.

The A. O. U. W. Library was organized in 1886, and has been successful from every point of view. It is maintained by a per capita tax of 5 cents per member per month by those lodges which contribute, which includes nearly every lodge in the city. There are in round numbers 3500 members in the city. The management is conducted by a representative elected by each contributing lodge, which constitutes a board of directors, who meet once each month and serve without salary.

The books and periodicals are free to every member of a contributing lodge. The library undertakes to keep a sufficient number of new and popular books to supply the demand. Several copies of the same book are purchased and put on the shelves, so that no one need be kept waiting too long.

The number of volumes has been increased 25 per cent in 1901, and the number of families using the library has increased over 50 per cent within the year. The reference books have been in use by students of the various schools to a larger extent than ever before, and this feature has been found to be a very great help to the scholars. The library is doing a good educational work, without cost to the city or state, and it does not employ solicitors for donations of funds or books, although gifts of books or periodicals are acceptable.

By comparing monthly lists of additions and books most in demand it will be found that this library is not behind any one in this or Eastern States. It is a practical working library, and the order hopes to make it second to none in size.

A delightful ocean voyage of two days. The steamer Columbia will sail for San Francisco Tuesday, January 7, at 8 P. M. First-class cabin fare, \$15, including meals and berth. Secure accommodations at O. & N. city ticket office, Third and Washington.

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